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## YAKIMA COUNTY FSA NEWS

### Yakima County FSA

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### Office Hours

Monday – Friday  
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### County Committee

Nadeen Boyle, Chairperson  
Daniel T. Martinez, Vice-Chair.  
Linda North-Spaulding, Member  
Gilbert Gonzalez, Jr., Advisor  
Carol Hull, Advisor

### Office Staff

Raquel Calderon, PT  
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### Next COC Meeting

February 26, 2008  
9:00 AM

### Dates to Remember

- March 15- NAP Application Deadline
- March 31- Loan/LDP deadline for wheat, barley, oats and honey

### FSA Web Sites

State- <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/wa>  
National- <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>  
USDA- <http://www.usda.gov>



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### FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS

Nadeen Boyle was elected to serve on the County Committee for a 3-year term. Nadeen will serve with current members Daniel Martinez and Linda North-Spaulding on the Committee. Carol Hull was elected as first alternate, Gilbert Gonzalez, Jr. was elected as second alternate and Sergio Marquez was elected as third alternate to the Committee. We would like to thank the candidates in this year's election for their willingness to run, and also everyone who took time to vote. The County Committee is your link to USDA, making local control possible in implementing FSA programs.

### SPOUSAL SIGNATURE AUTHORITY

A husband and wife can sign most documents on behalf of each other for FSA and Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) programs in which either has an interest, unless written notification denying a spouse this authority has been provided to the county office. There are limited exceptions to the spousal signature provisions for specific programs and for farm loans.

### REPORT OF PAYMENTS

All producers who received FSA program payments during calendar year 2007 should have received a Form CCC-1099-G, in the latter part of January. This form indicates the amount of payments you received during the calendar year 2007. The amounts listed on this form have been reported to the Internal Revenue Service.

In addition, producers who had a farm credit loan with the Farm Service Agency in 2007 should have received Form FSA-2065 at the end of January. This is an Annual Statement of Loan Account and provides useful income tax information such as interest paid in calendar year 2007.

### CROP DISASTER PROGRAM

The Crop Disaster Program (CDP) provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses from natural disasters and related condi-

tions for the 2005 and 2006 and 2007 crop years. Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 must choose only one year to receive benefits. Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple crops as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year.

Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits.

Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP. The payment rate is set at 42 percent of the established price. The payment quantity for quality losses will be equal to the lesser of: (1) the actual production of the crop affected by a quality loss; or (2) the quantity of expected production of the crop affected by a quality loss. The quality loss must be at least 25 percent of the value that all affected production of the crop would have had if the crop had not suffered a quality loss. Assistance, together with any crop insurance or NAP payment received for the same crop and including the value of the crop production not lost, must not exceed 95 percent of the total value of the crop absent the disaster.

Farmers may receive a maximum of \$80,000 in CDP benefits. Producers who are interested in applying for CDP benefits should contact our office for an appointment.

### LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM

The Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) compensates livestock producers for feed losses resulting from natural disasters occurring between January 1 2005, and December 31, 2007.

Producers in primary or contiguous counties declared secretarial disaster areas or counties declared presidential disaster areas between January 1, 2005, and December 31, 2007, are eligible. Losses incurred due to drought are only eligible on nonirrigated pastures. Producers incurring a loss in more than one of the 2005, 2006 or 2007 calendar years must choose only one year for which they want to receive benefits.

The following are among the types of commercial livestock operations that may be eligible for LCP: dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, equine, poultry, elk, reindeer, sheep, goats, swine or deer.

The payment rate for each livestock category will be 61 percent of the nationally established payment rate. Producers will not be penalized if they reduced the average number of livestock they owned for grazing during the production year for which assistance is being provided. Producers may receive a maximum of \$80,000 in LCP benefits. Producers who are interested in applying for LCP benefits should contact our office for an appointment.

### NONINSURED CROP LOSS COVERAGE

Producers may now purchase catastrophic crop loss coverage for *noninsurable* 2008 spring planted crops under the *Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)*. The cost of the coverage will be \$100 per crop, not to exceed \$300 per producer, per County. **The application closing date is March 15** for most spring planted crops, including vegetable seed crops. Producers interested in this program should call our office for an appointment to apply.

### EMERGENCY LOANS

Producers in Yakima County may be eligible for emergency loans under the following disaster declarations. The declarations cover damages and losses caused by the following conditions:

- Drought conditions which began January 1, 2007; (*July 21, 2008 application deadline*).
- Wildfires which occurred on July 13 through August 15, 2007; (*July 27, 2008 application deadline*).
- Severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides which occurred December 1, 2007 and continuing; (*August 11, 2008 application deadline*).

For more information on emergency loans please contact our office.

### 2007 GRAIN LOANS AND LDP'S

All wheat, corn, barley, oats and grain sorghum are eligible for price support benefits for 2007. Producers have a choice between taking-out a regular nine month Price Support Loan or receiving a Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP). Producers can check the LDP rates daily on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd/ldp/>. **March 31, 2008** is the final date to request a CCC commodity loan or loan deficiency payment (LDP) on 2007 crop wheat, barley, oats or honey.

### FOREIGN INVESTORS NEED TO REPORT

The Agricultural Foreign Investor Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires foreign investors who acquire, transfer, or hold interest in agricultural land to report that transaction within 90 days. This requirement also pertains to leases in excess of ten years. Failure to report may result in a penalty of 25 percent of the fair market value of the land.

### REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

Special accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing loss. If accommodations are required, please contact Brian Miller at (509) 454-5746, Ext. 101.

### BANK CHANGES?

If you have a direct deposit request on file with our office, please remember to let us know if you change banks or account numbers. Sending funds to a closed account will delay your payments.

Se habla español en esta oficina de FSA. Si quiere información tocante a los programas de crédito, conservación y otros programas que suministra esta oficina, por favor visite o llame la oficina de FSA. El número de teléfono es (509) 454-5746. La dirección se encontra encima.